

III. Remarks

Claims 12-21 were previously withdrawn in response to a restriction requirement. These claims are hereby cancelled. The listing of claims is otherwise identical to the listing provided in the Amendment dated August 25, 2004.

VI. Conclusion

Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a notice of allowance for the pending claims. Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly requested and encouraged to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below.

The Notice was issued on September 3, 2004, and this responsive Amendment is being submitted on Monday, October 4, in compliance with the one month period allowed for reply. Thus, it is believed that no fee is required for submission of this response to the Notice. Nevertheless, Applicant hereby provides authorization to charge any necessary fees associated with the filing of this response to deposit account 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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